

2003 General Session Passed Bills Relating to Public Utilities

H.B. 202

UTAH ENERGY OFFICE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

This act modifies the Utah Natural Resources Act to address the energy-related duties of the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources and the Utah Energy Office and to make technical changes. This act has a special effective date.

H.B. 272

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES - TAX INCREMENT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Rep. Greg J. Curtis

This act modifies the Redevelopment Agencies Act to repeal a provision authorizing the use of specified tax increment funds for the construction of an underpass. The act provides for the use of specified tax increment funds for cable television and telecommunications facilities and equipment and clarifies a limitation on the agency's authority with respect to cable television service and public telecommunications service. The act extends the date before which construction on certain projects must begin in order to receive specified tax increment funds. The act extends the authority to use specified tax increment to agencies established by other than first or second class cities and cities located in other than a first class county. The act also makes technical changes.

S.B. 21

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT

Sponsor: Sen. Leonard M. Blackham

This act modifies the Interlocal Cooperation Act including making technical changes. The act adds definitions and modifies provisions related to project entity and generation output requirements. The act modifies provisions related to powers and duties of interlocal entities. For purposes of the payment of fee in lieu of ad valorem property tax, this act provides that a fee base for a project can be determined by agreement. This act provides for valuation by the State Tax Commission if a fee base is not determined by an agreement. Portions of this act have retrospective operation to January 1, 2003.

S.B. 23

STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, FEES, AND CHARGES RELATED TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Sponsor: Sen. Curtis S. Bramble

This act modifies the Utah Municipal Code to enact the Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act and to make technical changes. As enacted, the Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act authorizes a municipality to levy and collect a municipal telecommunications license tax by ordinance. The act provides for the collection, administration, and enforcement of the tax through the State Tax Commission. This act limits a municipality's authority to impose other telecommunications taxes or fees. This act provides for reporting of tax rate related information. This act addresses customer remedies. The act addresses how bundled transactions are taxed under the Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act. This act addresses rights-of-way provisions. This act modifies provisions related to the charge that may be imposed for emergency telephone services. This act addresses how the location of a transaction for telephone service and mobile telecommunications service is determined under the Sales and Use Tax Act. This act provides an effective date.

S.B. 61**PUBLIC UTILITY RELATED AMENDMENTS**

Sponsor: Sen. John L. Valentine

This act modifies the Public Utility title to clarify use of a test period in determining just and reasonable rates, to address settlements, and to address the affect of decisions of the Public Service Commission. This act makes technical changes.

S.B. 133**REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ENERGY POLICY TASK FORCE**

Sponsor: Sen. Leonard M. Blackham

This act modifies the Public Utilities Title to reauthorize the Energy Policy Task Force and make technical changes.

S.B. 184**MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AMENDMENTS**

Sponsor: Sen. Carlene M. Walker

This act modifies the Utah Municipal Improvement District Act to expand the improvements that a municipal improvement district is authorized to provide to include certain cable television and telecommunications facilities and equipment. The act requires property owner consent for property to be included in the district and to be made subject to assessment. The act limits the use of funds from an assessment for a special improvement district for cable television and telecommunications facilities and prohibits nondistrict municipal funds from being used for those facilities.

S.B. 194**COMMERCE AND TRADE - TELEPHONE AND FACSIMILE SOLICITATION ACT**

Sponsor: Sen. David L. Thomas

This act modifies the Telephone and Facsimile Solicitation Act to provide definitions and modify some of the guidelines and enforcement mechanisms for telephone and facsimile solicitations. The act enacts provisions providing guidelines for the maintenance of a no-call database by the Division of Consumer Protection.

S.J.R. 4**RESOLUTION URGING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Sponsor: Sen. Ed P. Mayne

This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee to conduct a public hearing at which public comment could be received concerning whether the Public Service Commission should be restructured, including whether commissioners of the Public Service Commission should be elected.